



9 March 2005

The Honorable John Cornyn, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security & Citizenship  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sen. Cornyn:

On behalf of Common Cause, I am writing to thank you for cosponsoring S. 394, the Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government Act of 2005, which you and Senator Leahy recently introduced. I am also pleased to inform you that Common Cause offers its support for this important bill.

As you know, Common Cause is committed to fighting for government at all levels that is accessible, accountable and open to American citizens. The OPEN Government Act helps accomplish this important principle by strengthening the federal Freedom of Information Act and by evaluating recent changes to FOIA to minimize the damage caused by those changes.

Common Cause is heartily encouraged by this bill, and we look forward to working with you to enact this vital piece of legislation.

Yours truly,

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President and CEO

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